

REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number.

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7. (Once amended) A method for notifying a subscriber of the presence of new email messages, comprising the steps of:

(a) polling an email account associated with the subscriber for the presence of new email messages;

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(b) obtaining any new email messages;

(c) extracting at least a portion of header information of each new email message as extracted header information; and

(d) notifying the subscriber of each new email message as extracted header information.

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9. (Once amended) The method recited in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:
contacting a voicemail system associated with the subscriber; and
leaving a voicemail message containing the header information for the subscriber.

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29. (Once amended) The method recited in claim 28, wherein the particular subscriber has multiple email accounts, further comprising the steps of:

polling each of the email accounts for the presence of email in any of new email; and

causing the particular subscriber to be notified of the presence of new email in any of the email accounts

30. (Once amended) The method recited in claim 29, wherein the multiple email accounts are on multiple email servers.

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31. (Once amended) The method recited in claim 28, wherein the step of polling the email account comprises the step of polling the email account only after a predetermined time has elapsed.

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32. (Once amended) The method recited in claim 28, wherein the step of causing the subscriber to be notified comprises the steps of:

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obtaining at least a portion of the header information from each new email for the particular subscriber;

converting the obtained header information to speech as converted information; and
sending the converted information to a voicemail system associated with the particular subscriber in accordance with voicemail system information contained in the account record for the particular subscriber.

33. (Once amended) The method recited in claim 28, wherein the step of causing the subscriber to be notified comprises the step of sending a page to the particular subscriber in accordance with pager contact information contained in the account record.

34. (New) A system for providing notification of an incoming email message to a subscriber, comprising:

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an email server to which the incoming email message is sent and on which the incoming email message is stored;

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an email notification server to poll the email server to obtain the incoming email message;

a header extraction process to extract the header of the incoming email message;

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a text-to-speech converter to convert at least a portion of the header to speech as converted header information; and

a process to automatically notify the subscriber of the incoming email message.

35. (New) The system recited in claim 34, wherein the process to automatically notify the subscriber of the incoming message comprises a process to call a voicemail server corresponding to the subscriber and leave a voicemail message containing the converted header information as a voicemail message, wherein the voicemail server includes a process for automatically notifying the subscriber of the voicemail message containing the converted header information.

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36. (New) The system recited in claim 34, wherein the email notification server waits for a predetermined amount of time prior to polling the email server to obtain the incoming message.

37. (New) The system recited in claim 34, wherein the predetermined amount of time is according to a schedule.

38. (New) The system recited in claim 34, wherein the predetermined amount of time is random.

39. (New) A method for notifying a subscriber of the presence of new email messages, comprising:

polling an email account associated with the subscriber for the presence of new email messages;

obtaining any new email messages identified in response to the polling;

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extracting at least a portion of header information of each new email message identified in response to the polling; and

automatically notifying the subscriber of each new email message identified in response to the polling.

40. (New) The method recited in claim 39, further comprising converting the extracted header information to speech.

41. (New) The method recited in claim 39, further comprising:
contacting a voicemail system associated with the subscriber; and
leaving a voicemail message containing the converted header information for the subscriber.

42. (New) The method recited in claim 41, further comprising:
determining whether the subscriber has additional email accounts; and
for each additional email account:

polling the additional email account for the presence of new email messages;

obtaining any new email messages identified in response to the polling of the additional email account;

extracting at least a portion of header information of each new email message identified in response to the polling of the additional email account; and

automatically notifying the subscriber of each new email message identified in response to the polling of the additional email account.

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43. (New) The method recited in claim 42, further comprising determining whether a predetermined time has elapsed for each of the subscriber's email accounts where the subscriber has multiple email accounts.

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44. (New) The method recited in claim 40, further comprising determining whether a predetermined time has elapsed prior to polling the subscriber's email account.

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45. (New) The method recited in claim 39, further comprising sending a page to the subscriber to notify the subscriber of one or more of the new email messages.

46. (New) The method recited in claim 39, further comprising placing a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the subscriber to notify the subscriber of one or more of the new email messages.
